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Applicant: Nash

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Title: **Method for Producing and Screening
Mass-Coded Combinatorial Libraries for
Drug Discovery and Target Validation**

Art Unit: 1631

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Commissioner for Patents:

In the Office communication mailed on February 12, 2001, restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction as between Groups I and II.

The inventions of Group I (claims 16-22 and 51-53) and Group II (claims 54-63) are each drawn to a method of identifying a ligand for a biomolecule. As acknowledged by the Examiner, the method of Group II incorporates the steps of Group I. In fact, the method of Group II is, in essence, the method of Group I performed in an iterative fashion. Applicant believes, therefore, that simultaneous search and examination of Groups I and II can be made

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without serious burden. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request that the restriction between Groups I and II be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Subject to the foregoing remarks, Applicant hereby elects for examination the invention of Group I, claims 16-22 and 51-53.

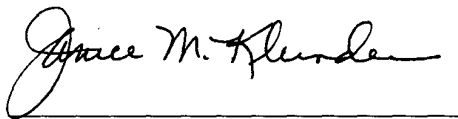
In addition, Applicant makes a provisional election of species as follows:

First biomolecule:	protein
Second biomolecule:	protein which is not a derivative of the first protein
Scaffold precursor:	fused ring system
Reactive group:	acid chloride
Peripheral moiety precursors:	amines

Applicant encloses a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, up to and including April 12, 2001, for responding to the Office communication mailed on February 12, 2001.

No other fees are believed to be due in connection with this response. However, please charge any payments due or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

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